

# HOUSE BILL No. 1107

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-28; IC 20-31.

**Synopsis:** Cultural competency. Requires the department of education to develop standards for cultural competency teacher training. Requires school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools to develop policies concerning cultural competency training for school staff, students, and parents.

**Effective:** July 1, 2008.

**Porter**

January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-28-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005,  
2       SECTION 149, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3. (a) The department shall ~~develop~~  
4       ~~guidelines~~ **establish standards** for use by accredited teacher education  
5       institutions and departments in preparing individuals to **successfully**  
6       teach ~~in various environments~~ **in a manner that serves the diverse**  
7       **needs of all students, including:**

8               **(1) minority students;**

9               **(2) low social economic status students;**

10              **(3) English language learners; and**

11              **(4) students who are children with disabilities (as defined in**  
12              **IC 20-35-1-2).**

13       (b) The ~~guidelines~~ **standards** developed under subsection (a) must  
14       include courses and methods that assist individuals in developing  
15       cultural competency (as defined in IC 20-31-2-5).

16       SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17       AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



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JULY 1, 2008]:

**Chapter 5.5. Standards for Teacher Training**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "culturally responsive methods" means methods that use the cultural knowledge, experiences, and performance styles of diverse students to make learning more appropriate and effective for those students.**

**Sec. 2. (a) The division shall develop standards for use by accredited teacher training institutions and departments in preparing individuals to successfully teach in a manner that serves the diverse needs of all students, including those identified as a member of one (1) or more of the following classifications:**

**(1) Racial minority.**

**(2) Language minority.**

**(3) Exceptional learner (as defined in IC 20-31-2-6).**

**(4) Lower economic status.**

**(5) Any ethnic or religious groups that are included in the school's population.**

**(b) The standards developed under subsection (a) must provide for multicultural courses and culturally responsive methods that assist individuals in developing cultural competency (as defined in IC 20-31-2-5).**

**(c) A teacher licensed under IC 20-28-5 must participate in diversity and multicultural training throughout the year. The training must be directly correlated with the school's improvement plan and accreditation process under IC 20-31.**

**SECTION 3. IC 20-31-2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 1.5. "Accredited" means officially recognized as having met a standard of criterion.**

**SECTION 4. IC 20-31-2-6.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 6.8. "Multicultural" means relating to, consisting of, or participating in the cultures of different countries, ethnic groups, or religions.**

**SECTION 5. IC 20-31-6-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005, SECTION 175, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 1. The department shall develop and make available to school corporations and nonpublic schools materials, resources, and professional and staff development programs that assist teachers, administrators, and staff in a school in developing cultural competency for use in providing professional and staff development programs. and ensure equitable learning**

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**opportunities and outcomes for all students.**

SECTION 6. IC 20-31-6-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 2. (a) In developing a school's plan, the committee shall consider methods, **resources, and evaluation instruments** to improve the cultural competency of the school's teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and students.

(b) The committee shall:

(1) identify the racial, ethnic, language-minority, cultural, exceptional learning, and socioeconomic groups that are included in the school's student population;

(2) incorporate **or adopt** culturally appropriate **ideologies, and integrate teaching strategies and assessments** for increasing educational opportunities and educational performance **to achieve equitable outcomes** for each group in the school's plan; and

(3) recommend, ~~areas in which additional evaluate, and implement continual~~ professional development ~~is necessary~~ to increase cultural competency in the school's educational environment.

(c) The committee shall update **the school's plan** annually **according to** the information identified under subsection ~~(b)(1): (b).~~

SECTION 7. IC 20-31-6-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3. (a) **Each school corporation and nonpublic school shall provide diversity and multicultural training to all members of the school community, including school staff, students, and parents.**

(b) Each superintendent and governing body of a nonpublic school shall ensure cultural competency accountability by developing a policy that includes:

(1) **procedures for determining whether a school is making progress toward improving the cultural competency of the school's teachers, administrators, staff, parents, students, and partnering school communities; and**

(2) **cultural competency assessments or cultural audits.**

**The policy developed under this subsection must meet the requirements of this article and be updated annually.**

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